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TO THE ATTENTION OF MR. LACHAUD  
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Information:

I came to learn the following things as I received a letter from Laos from a most reliable friend:

A new team, let's say an association, for the drugs traffic has just been established at Vientiane, Laos.

Mr. Jean Tribars who was the owner of a light airplane, make "CESSNA", model 182, registered at the Civil Air Force at Vientiane, would have recently sold that airplane to Mr. Labastie, keeper of a garage, in the U.S.A.I.D. district, for the price of \$8,000.00, with the association of one of the sons of His Highness Prime Minister Prince Souvanna Phouma, Mr. Tiao Panya, and Mr. Roger Lasen, jeweller at Vientiane, Rue Sanne Seine Thai. (Jeweller world-wide known by drugs traffickers in South East Asia). On the other hand, Mr. Labastie would have obtained his pilote license after passing an exam with French military pilots from the M.M.F. at Vientiane (Air Branch) one year ago.

Mr. Jean Tribars and Mr. Labastie have known each other for many yeqrs and it is while going together to Bangkok by car to a business meeting that they had a car accident which killed and injured several persons. Mr. J. Tribars was driving; he was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment in Thailand. He is the bearer of a passport with a false prorogation as he imitated the signature of a Consul of a South East country. Before his arrest he lived in Thailand, at the Cite Kham Phavi, Luang Khot, at Phong Xai, at Vientiane. He is married to a Chinese girl (a former taxi girl). He hold at his home a stock of about twenty packages of opium, refined, cooked, of an approximate weight of 1,300 kilogram per package. He is the owner of about ten Chinese little dogs (very snappish) which live with him.

Following the latest information received, Mr. Labastie trains himself intently with that airplane which he does not know very well yet. A while ago, he would have had a small accident due to a shortage of gas. As soon as he will master this airplane business operations will begin: South Viet Nam and Cambodia in particular -opium, morphine base and heroin.

The airplane must be stationed at the Wattay Airport, near the Aero-Club. Also, Mr. Labastie would have had that airplane painted again with several colors in order to mix with the colors of the U.S. planes stationed in that area. Another figure appears also in this association, it is Mr. Pams, employed at U.S.A.I.D. at Vientiane. He wears glasses, and was formerly employed at Bangkok at East Asiatic Danais. He is a close friend of H. Flamant who speaks well English. He is also a close friend of Mr. Pierre Segui, his former associate, a restaurant keeper in Bangkok. Another individual is entering into

the team, it is Mr. Da Bogatti, coming from Central Europe (Hungary), also employed by Americans (he plays bridge and chess). A few years ago he arranged for the transportation of large quantities of drugs belonging to Mr. Camille Perez and Ralph Smok with the help of U.S. pilots and employees stationed in Vientiane and Bangkok who, during an operation, would have turned away the shipment. Other associates will probably come and join this team; means of transportation being more dangerous than before because of the present situation.

Apparently, few weeks ago, Mr. Roge4 Zoile would have arrange for transportation of narcotics by U.S. pilots stationed at Udorn in Thailand, to Hong Kong. Everything, apparently, went very well.

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At the end of 1967, beginning of 1968, a drug crisis exploded in Bangkok, it was heroin. Mr. Nguyen Van Thoai, Air Attache at the South Viet Nam Embassy in Bangkok, more precisely, in charge of the Information Service of this Embassy, was involved in this important affair. Mr. Thoai was a senior officer in the Air Army in South Viet Nam, he was born in Kieng Khouang, Laos, and was formerly Military Attache at the Embassy of South Viet Nam in Vientiane. As he was very competent in every field he was the reliable man of General Nguyen Cao Ky, Vice President of Council, (Aviation General - his career).

Due to his activities, Mr. Nguyen Van Thoai was in contact with lots of people of all ranks. In Bangkok he met Mr. Pierre Segui, the owner of the Restaurant "Le Metropolitain", located at Gassom Road, and they became close friends (several traffics of drugs were successfully concluded by Mr. Thoai and Mr. Segui). In that affair which led to a scandal there were things belonging ; to Mr. Segui, others belonging to Mr. Mau (owner of the restaurant "Saigon Restaurant", at Patpong Road. Mr. Mau also owns a Tea-Room called the "Maison Suisse" at Vientiane. And also, things belonging to people from the South Viet Nam Embassy ; in Vientiane, who were in charge of transportation of the goods by diplomatic means until Bangkok. The source of supply in Vientiane was the Chinese group Heng Thong, 23 Rue Sanne Seine Thai. Mr. Heng Thong has a sister-in-law in the United States. Apparently she left for the States in 1968 in order to join her fiance (to be checked). Mr. Heng Thong and his father-in-law who died four month ago were members of a powerful Chinese communist network established in Indo-China for many years. The Heng Thong society has several occupations. In March 1971, Mr. Thong made one, or several trips, to South East Asia; interested trip (drug); he is always associated for large shares with Mr. Roger Zoile of the Laos Air Charter Society, which society is presently managed by Mr. Flamant.

On the arrival of the Thai Police Service, the wife of Mr. Nguyen Van Thoai helped her husband by throwing the packages over the surrounding wall of the villa they lived in, in a residential district of Bangkok. After that incident, Mr. Thoai was called back to Saigon by General Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, but was not worried.

The interested party recently received a transfer order for the air base of Nhatoney of CAM RANH, South Viet Nam. Mr. Nguyen Van Thoai has a sister whose husband, Mr. Delomaire - a Frenchman from India - works for the Americans at Motor Pol. Formerly, Mr. Delomaire had

a brother who lived in Phnom Penh, and worked for traffics of drugs together with Michel Libert (currently: Dancing Le Spot in Vientiane

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A while ago, an air hostess from the Air Viet Nam Company was arrested at the Saigon Airport Tan Son Nhut, with several kilograms of heroin found in her luggage coming from Vientiane. It has been said that the heroin would have been furnished to her by the jewellers Mr. Thai of the "Bijouterie Hanoi Bijoux, and Mr. Tien My Vietnamese jewelebr also living in Vientiane. In Laos, traffickers usually work several together on the transportation of a shipment, and in case of trouble losses are not so heavy.

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A deputy ~~from~~ Saigon, coming from Bangkok and Vientiane would also have been arrested with few packages of heroin he was carrying on his arrival at the Tan San Nhut Airport, Saigon. He made the trip specially for that.

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Paul Jean Marie Le Rouzic  
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pob: Hellean, Josselin, Morbihan, France

Education degrees:  
Brevet Elementaire  
Laws Certificate  
Diploma of Detective-criminalist (signed by  
Dr. Edmond Lecard, former Director of the  
Technical Police Laboratory of Lyon, Rhone).

Volunteered in 1946 for 3 years, including in the Far East operations. In post with the 2nd Regiment of Hussards in Orleans, France. Ecole de Cadres Souftach in Strasbourg, France. Appointed sub-officer and sent to Indo-China in February 1947. Landed in Saigon on March 11, 1947. Assigned to the "Commando Ponchondier", and when this unit is dissolved he is assigned to the E.M. of T.F.I.S. at Cholon where he terminates his contract.

In April 1949 he requests employment in the Services of the Federal Surety in Indo-China. His candidacy is accepted after a short exam, and he is employed as an inspector on probation at the special police of Hue where he remains for two years. He is then transferred to the Protective Service of VIP at HCF in Dalat. He works for the Security of High and Chief Commander De Lattre de Tassigny.

This squad is also responsible for the protection of His Highness Bao Dai who used to be Chief of the State of Viet Nam. It also participates in various police operations in this area. Following the death of General De Lattre a modification is taking place within the squad, and Inspector Le Rouzic is back in Saigon in the Palace of the High Police Station of France still in the service of VIP. At the beginning of 1954 he wanted to go on vacation in France, and as he also wanted thereafter to be transferred in A.F.N. he resigned in January 1954.

After thinking, I wished to remain in Indo-China, I was engaged to an Indo-Chinese girl, and I open a snack bar on the Boulevard Chamer near the Town Hall in Saigon (110 Blvd Chamer). After a few months the clients were not enjoyable. I sell the snack bar and open a Bar-Restaurant-Dancing in Saigon, Tahard Street, and called "Ma Cabane", first class business with an orchestra only composed of Frenchmen and French women. The business goes remarkably and profits are high. In this atmosphere i make acquaintances with all sorts of people, with all sorts of morals, traffickers in all fields, panders, international crooks, purveyors, counterfeiters; everything! Including drug !.

After the Geneva agreements in 1954, the French Expeditionary Corps left (my customers decreased). Indeed, few months later French troupes leave, administrative services and others are taken over by Nationals. Many big firms also close. The Exchange Office also goes in the hands of V.N. As things are not going so well for me due to the many departures of my customers in the area where I am, I decide to sell my business and I quickly find a buyer.

After that interesting transaction I remain restful few months in order to study another business. In the center of Saigon, 4 rue Carabel li I find a Bar-Restaurant lacking customers. I decide to buy it at a reasonable price, and as I begin myself to make that restaurant run I soon obtain an incongruous range of clients. I make new acquaintances in all sorts of jobs, classes and nationalities. My business is going very well, I have three cars, I buy an apartment at Rue Cattuat (presently Rue Tu Do) (the Champs Elysees in Saigon), and I marry my Indo-Chinese fiancée. We are therefore two to take care of the business. The origins of my wife help to increase the already remarkable range of my contacts, and I am being offered all sorts of propositions. Businesses in all categories. I fall into some money business: clandestine gold traffic. (not always profitable). At that time it is the Ngo Dinh Dion family who has the power, and we work in a Francophobe atmosphere. The Government is severe for the French, we've got to avoid mistakes, otherwise we go to prison, or are being sent away from the territory.

Among my friendly relations, a year ago, Allay, wealthy printer who also owns several light airplanes which are out of order, decided to sell these planes together with his shed located on the airport of Tan Son Nhut. Personally this business does not interest me, but as Mr. Allay is proposing me a share should I find him a buyer, I do look, in my spare time, for an eventual society interested in buying the above material. I find a client who is one of my brothers-in-law, a doctor, an influential member of an opposite party of the Ngo Dinh Diem family. He accepts to buy one airplane for the use and need of his team. Few months later, private airplanes are no longer authorized to fly, even in a pilot school. They got to stay down, in their shed. The Doctor, some of his fellows, myself, and one pilot decide to park definitely this plane in Laos - which is done after we came on a mutual agreement with a small Lao society: Akat Lao Nena, managed by a man called Danis, a former military, and another man called Roger Zoile, whom I do not know yet. An agreement is made, the plane of the make CESSNA, registered FORNE, will be undertaken by the Akat Lao Nena Society who will use it for its personal needs and will take care for its maintenance. This plane therefore leave Viet Nam with the help of some confederates, and arrives at the door of Vientiane. At that moment I am being contacted by lots of people from Chinese, French, Vietnamese origins for various transportation jobs, shipments of all sorts of goods which should go through frontiers in an clandestine manner: money, gold, arms, opium, morphine. I make acquaintances with lots of people ready to trust me thoroughly, "for the work".

As far as opium is concerned, I refused; I accept some other missions.

8 Few months later that airplane is destroyed by a so called accident at Phone Savanh North Laos by a team specialized in the narcotic traffic, opium, morphine. At that time, 31 december 1958, heroin was not produced in these regions. The instigators of the sabotage were Messrs Mittard et Labensky who, at that time, were managing the Bungalow of Phong Savanh. These two men were considered as first class opium traffickers in South East Asia. Operations were made by Dropping on pre-established in the Indo-Chinese jungle where a team composed of 3 or 4 members equipped with collected the merchandise. That team worked together with a Chinese, manager of taxes in Cholon, and is protected by Mr. Tuyen who was then Chief of the Secret services at the Council Presidency when Ngo Dinh Diem was at the Government. This Mr. Tuyen had the full powers of the President of the Republic, Dien.

9 Two years later, the team Mittard and Labensky was arrested in Saigon, including the receiving people, with a shipment of 230 kilograms of refined opium. All were imprisoned in 1960.

10 After they recovered freedom, Mr. G. Labensky, back in Laos, starts again in the gold traffic, he makes few fruitful trips between Vientiane and Bangkok, using a faked lorry, and acts under the cover of his food shop "Frigelav Ravitaillement". Those cooperating in this business, and the associates, are Mrs. Henri Flamant, Mr. George Mercier, Mr. Jean Felix Simons; the corresponding member in Bangkok is Mr. Pierre Segui, restaurant keeper, "Le Metropolitain", who also care for narcotics traffic. Mr. P. Segui's Bar-Restaurant is located behind the President Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand.

11 Later, Mr. Gerard Labensky was arrested for one day by the Thai Police, on the Nong Hai Street of Bangkok, while driving a station wagon Holden with a gold shipment aboard. Then, he was imprisoned, and now he resides in Noumea, New Caledonia.

12 Mr. Francois Mittard did remain in Vientiane, Laos, he is associated with Mr. Michel Libert who is a purveyor and drug trafficker. Messrs Mittard and Libert own a Dancing in Vientiane called "Le Spot" which is located in the building of Seitha Palace. Mr. Mittard has very fruitful contacts with Mr. Pierre Segui of Bangkok in order to find out some commercial openings, that is to say, drugs to be sent to either Hong Kong, Saigon, or to Europe, and mainly to the United States of America where Mr. Libert do have contacts in that under-world, which contacts have been established for many years in Bangkok with the help of his associate, Mr. Louis Leret, currently settled in Singapore. Before residing in Bangkok, Mr. Louis Levet was in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and before that in Saigon where he handled the receiving of goods belonging to Messrs Mittard and Labensky, with the help of some employees of the French Gum Factory in the Loc Ninh

area of Budoy, and of the tea plantation of Blao, on the street going to Dalat; that plantation being owned by Mr. Bes. In 1956, the important opium seizure effected, was brought by Messrs Labensky and Mittard with the reliable pilot, Mr. Mariage. That seizure took place at Palke, near Seoul and the Viet Nameese frontier of Loc Ninh. The pilot involved has formerly been employed by others called Des Chers des Baumets, Bertony, Barlonel, in various operations always concerning opium and morphine base. We are still in 1960.

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At that time I am still in Saigon, and I will be searched by the political police of the Government who will find a quantity of war arms, pistols, guns, riffles, grenades, ammunitions, and explosive material. Then, I am arrested, and secluded for three and a half months, imprisoned for possession of arms. With the help of contacts of all sorts, I succeed to escape from prison (of Saigon) with the car of the Director, his chauffeur who will later on be condemned to 2 years imprisonment. I did enjoy a great help.

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After my escaping the Saigon prison, other friends helped me to go through the Viet Nameese and Cambodian frontiers in a clandestine way, I went to Phnom Pen, to the Hotel Le Regal where a friend of mine, Mr. Faloud was the keeper. I was most welcome, and made the acquaintance of several traffickers while at the Bar, mainly drug traffickers. Due to the situation in Laos, the coup d'Etat of Hong Lee and of General Phoumi Nosaren, all planes were requisitionned. Conclusion: some operations became impossible, the interested persons, and those specialized in narcotic traffic were facing the problem of transportation of the merchandise. That problem was soon solved, they decided to fake some vehicles of all origins, and within a few weeks, transportation of the merchandise was working again. Among the faked vehicles I could mention in particular the 2CV Citroen which could contain 40 kilograms of merchandise in its chassis. Moreover, this very common and simple car does not attract attention.

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Many other cars have been arranged, in "Cargo" of Mercedes, that of Mr. Massida, Import-Export, established in Phnom Penh, that of Mr. Rene Callendret, owner of the Bar Chamonix, at that time, in Vientiane. Also Buick Station Wagon were faked in the roof which can hold a lot, Lincoln vehicles, model Capri, Studebaker, Merciry, etc...

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In 1960: A big team, and a big shipment of opium, are seized in the county of Bau Me Thuot, Quan Duc village. The person organizing the transaction is Mr. Roger Lasen, associated with Mr. Chiou Pen Nhy of Chinese nationality, living then in Xieng Khamang, a town in North Laos, and Mr. Louis Ganiguez, a shop keeper residing in Saigon. The operation has been effected by Dropping.



It is Mr. Rene Engalbal who was the pilot; the plane, a break = craft 18.S belonged to the Guns Brothers.

Persons who "worked" by using road facilities on the route Vientiane, Bangkok, Phnom Pen, Saigon (from 1960):

Before anything else you must note:

Organization: Roger Lasen - Camille Perez

Driver, transporter: Mr. DruPont  
car, 2CV / two vehicles of the same type  
" Buick, bi-colored

Driver, transporter Mr. Beme Christian  
car, Mercury

Driver - transporter Mr. Jean Dufes  
car, 2CV  
" Ford Versaille "

Driver, transporter Mr. Labastie  
car, Mercury "

Driver - transporter Mr. Jean Simons  
car, Studebaker "  
car, Lincoln Capri "  
Car, 2CV "

Driver, transporter Mr. Ralph Small  
car, 2CV  
car, DS 19 "

Driver, transporter Mr. Petry Alphonse  
car, 2CV (made several trips)

Driver, transporter Mr. Paul  
car, 2CV (several trips)

All these goods were for Saigon, their point of transit was Bangkok, Phnom Penh.

Organization Messrs Heng, Lasen, Hoc

Road transporters: Mr. Rene Callendret of Vientiane  
Mr. Jean Todesco, accountant in Vientiane  
Mr. Gomes, employee

Vehicles: 2CV, Buick, Mercedes 190, Chevrolet Station Wagon. The Buick vehicle was equipped with a double floor, a double back at the back seat the boots was also faked, and so was the gas tank (separated in two parts).

dropped after it was wrapped as necessary so that it can float. Two boats are waiting for the arrival of a DC 3, one in charge of the protection of the other army of two guns of 40mm Beaufort (English) and of several machine guns. ~~Thesexpazsais~~ Once these parcels, coming from Hong Kong, are on the water, they are collected by "coolies" (working men) and are then loaded on the recuperating boat. That boat is equipped with extremely modern radio installations.

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The team of the DC 3 was composed of Mr. Savoy, Commander, of Thai nationality, rather old, excellent pilot; currently employed as pilot in the Xieng Khnong Air Transport Society of General Vong Phao. Strategic base of Long Chien, Laos. - of Mr. Gorce, co-pilot, currently pilot for the C.I.C. stationed at Saigon (Stratolines airplanes). - of Mr. Yvon Flairat, from the former Aigle-Azur Society in Far East, - and of two Asian dispatchers to drop the parcels. For this kind of operation, airplanes are beforehand equipped with supplementary tanks (auxiliary tanks) for safety reasons. Flights are clandestine and are not scheduled. Control towers are consenting, providing they get a jar of . so are the runway offices, including some employees of Civil Aviation Management. They all are paid for the operation. That team made several trips towards the sea, and also towards South Viet Nam. Huge quantities: Mr. Heng.

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Another team then took over the job, and was organized by Mr. Roger Lasen, pilot, Mr. Paul Dericout (died in an accident) Royal Air Lao aircraft, model DC 3; destination: Hongkong, via sea dropping, and Saigon.

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Dropping: in high mountains, Ban Me Thnuot. The merchandise is furnish by Mr. Heng, commercial agent of General Huan Rattikboum, Chief in the Lao Army. In the main businesses and transactions it will always be that General who will supply the merchandise to all the various road transporters. At that time, Mr. Heng was not very wealthy but he will become rich thanks to the constant and full support of General Huan.. New business is going fine, loading of the merchandise is usually effected on military airports (there are many) with the assistance of armed military officers. In civil airports, leaks could occur. Among those employed the most let's note Ban Honesai, Ban Quan, Luang Prahany Paksane, Sasannakhet, Pakse, Attouyau (before), Wat Pau (very much looked for). Some important departures are also taking place at Paklai, Sayalaury, always managed by either General Commander of the area, or the Deputy Colonel-Commander. When Mr. Dericourt, pilot, died, Mr. Roger Lasen presently jeweller in Vientiane " Bijouterie Mondia" must use another system: he will have to use Mr. Rene Enjal-llah as a pilot (of French-Guinea origin), and one of the airplanes belonging to Mr. Franscisi ~~Baxa~~ Bonaventure Roch in order to carry one with his traffic. The sources of supply are still the same: Mr. Heng and Generl Huan. For the big brains of drug traffic in Laos, let's say in Asia, things are going well, but Mr. Heng is not satisfied with only that. He takes possession of his own airplane, a Breakraft 18S on which he will put a Chinese pilot, Mr. Jimmy Liao, coming from Taipei, and who speaks English remarkably, and is excellent for the job. Coming back from a duty at sea, Mr. Rene Enjalbal who was driving the an Breakraft 18S fell asleep and made an orientation mistake by flying

The Chevrolet Station Wagon had a double roof. Number of trips effected for Saigon by Mr. Callendret: 3. By Mr. Jean Todesco: 4. At the 5th, Mr. Todesco was arrested at Strung Treng, Cambodia, with 234 kilograms of opium aboard his vehicle; obvious offense in Cambodia: 9 months imprisonment. Mr. Gomes (or Gonin): only one trip with a Buick vehicle, destination: Saigon.

Road transporters: George Campello

One trip to Phnom Penh in 1961. He was already condemned and expelled from Saigon for a narcotic traffic. Currently restaurant keeper in Vientiane (to be checked).

Road transporter: Jean Menta

Two trips with a Peugeot 403 vehicle; has been arrested at the Viet Nameese/Cambodian frontiers with 53 kilograms (in 1961).

Transporter: Pierre Gachet

Made four trips to Saigon; has been arrested in Saigon while formulating propositions concerning selling. Peugeot 403 vehicle.

Road transporter: Jacques Taxier

Vehicule used: Chevrolet Bel Air. Faked wings, boots and seats. Itinerary: Vientiane, Phnom Penh via Bangkok. Made the trip for the account of Mr. Louis Levet and Michel Libert (made several trips).

Transporter, driver: Elie Espanet

Used vehicle: 2CV Citroen. Itinerary: Savannakhet Phnom Penh, made five trips for Michel Libert. Stopped all activities after a talk with the Customs Services at Stung Treng, Cambodia. Customs Officers seized half of their shipment, leaving them the remainder and their freedom.

Road Transporters: Drurant - Dufes (2 persons)

Used vehicle: Riley. Stopped at Stung Treng, Cambodia where only Mr. Drurant has been retained and sentenced.

We are in 1962; those enjoying road transportation are forced to quit. Air transportation resumed and offers more safety for the interested parties.

A team works on a wholesale basis by using air transportation.

Mr. Danis working at the Royal Air Lao Company organizes opium air transportation to the Sea, Siamese Gulf, where the goods is taken

over Thailand unwillingly, and was therefore caught by the Thai hunting army stationed at Uboh. The pilot, Mr. Rene Enjalbal, who was forced to land, ~~xx~~ had to remain at the disposition of the Justice Department for investigation for a period of three months. He was released after an interference of General Huan in Bangkok. The high Chinese authorities in the ~~xxx~~ field of drugs are sometimes powerful in Asia.

24 With his new plane Mr. Heng also made some good business on financial level, mainly for Hong Kong where everything goes as in the past. It is different in Viet Nam, Mr. Heng is afraid to go there because the Americans have installed lots of radars, DCA batteries, there is a real danger. Therefore Mr. Heng had to see Mr. Lasen again in order to resume "work", and Mr. Roger Lasen had again to call on the old pilot Mr. Rene Enjalbal. The responsible for the organization choosed Mr. Jean Todesco, Rene Callendre and Bes, planter in Blao, for the receiving of parachutes and droppings. ~~Enxnxesszwzkh~~ Mr. Lasen's business goes remarkably well with that team up to 1966, and starting from that date the advisers of General Huan Rattikboum advised their Chief and Mr. Heng to organize themselves in a different manner. Then, they bought a plane DC3, and create the Air Vientiane Society: Main activity: transportation of drug on long trips. General Huan and his men establish their commercial PC in Ban Quan, very near Ban Monosa. They start to think about enlarging their field and they do everything in that area. The raw material comes from Birmanya, Pailiao, P.C. K.M.T.; it is a real factory. During the month of March 1971, about 20 tons of refined opium and cooked opium were stored in their factory. About 4 tons of morphine base were ready to be dispatched. Heroin: 800 kilos of first quality were very closely kept, waiting for either foreign buyers or serious means of transportation.

25 The DC3 of Air Vientiane Company did not fly very long in the sky of Indo-China as it was shot above South Viet Nam either by the hunting army or by DCA. Which one? In any case, that plane was fully loaded and was effecting a pirate mission on South Viet Nam. There was refined opium, morphine base, heroin to be put on the market of Saigon. At least a part of that shipment was for Saigon, the rest probably was going to Hong Kong and U.S.A. Communications between ~~Saxgxnzxnd~~ Hong Kong and U.S.A. are very frequent.

26 The team of Mr. Heng and General Huan did not stay very long out of work. They came on an agreement with Mrs. General Nyugen Cao Ky in order to land directly - Lao military planes, still fully loaded - on the military airport of Tam Son Nhut. For the first trip, every thing is OK, every body is happy; but the second time a DC3 loaded with 2 tons 300 got caught; an exceptional committee was receiving the plane. The team had on board a colonel as a Commander who has been taken by the police and the merchandise was seized. May be that merchandise has not been lost for every body. In that shipment, several traffickers had put some shares (bonds) thinking the business would proliferate.

We are at the beginning of 1968.

27 Risks and dangers are increasing as far as transportation of shipments is concerned towards South Viet Nam, but there is always new organizations who put their brains on the job, such as that one:

Royal Air Lao team, managed by the chief hostess:  
Miss Khan

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This lady is about 30 years old, she is Lao-Vietnamese, and is very rich. She owns about 30 villas, luxury cars. One of her brothers is a police colonel, he works at the Ministry of Interior. One of her brothers-in-law is also a police commander at the immigration service. Miss Khan is therefore well protected. she resides in the USAID district at Nahaidio, in one of these various and comfortable villas. She travels very frequently, and her favorite trips are Saigon and Hong Kong. Hong Kong for the morphine base and heroin; Saigon for cooked opium and heroin. Goods are loaded at the Wattay airport or at Pakse. They usually are hidden in the radio compartment of the DC4 or DC6/B. In the floor. And on the arrival at Saigon - if the customs team is properly placed, if that team has not been replaced by another just before the arrival of the plane which happens rather often - a clever engineman remove all the packages. They are then taken by a vehicle from the Royal Air Lao agency and brought before the encouraging customs officers. In Hong Kong it is more dangerous but the quantities carried are not so large. ~~Onexth~~ Once, the Special Mobile Police Squad came for the reception of a plane with its packages; there were 130 kilograms of refined opium ready to be taken down through the passengers cabin. The packages were all together. After each return, Miss Khan carries large quantities of US dollars resulting from her sales. Interested parties obtain their money next morning at the residence of Miss Khan. Sometimes when she is not at home, her parents take care of that operation. Miss Khan has many activities.

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As far as refined opium is concerned, there are two other teams: one comes from Saigon to get the supply at Saranaktet, they are Vietnamese militaries who come themselves to get the merchandise from military chiefs of that unit: General Bounjhong, General Kot Venesonsos. Some Thai military planes also come to load the goods to be sent to Saigon when these people are passing by Laos (with the complicity of the chiefs of the unit, Colonel Outhama, Commander of the Air Base). These groups are not so powerful as that of General Huan Rattokboum, and Mr. Heng, alias "Le Canard" (the duck).

Two air companies working presently in Cambodia for the current cause also do lots of drug traffics, with all sorts of drugs.

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The first company is Lao Air Lane where Mr. Rene Enjalhal is a pilot; Mr. Heng has also some statutory shares in that society. Goods are loaded at Vientiane or at Pakse (fief of Mr. Boum Lay, Director of that society) to be sent to Cambodia from where they are then forwarded either by ship or by air to Hong Kong or in Japan, or sometimes, directly to U.S.A. A certain quantity probably goes to Viet Nam where many American are stationed, either by road or by air; Phnom Penh, Saigon. In a city which is daily touched by air companies and shipping companies, openings are numerous in Asia. The Lao Air Lane Society has a DC3, and two Viscount planes, very fast, enabling therefore sea liaisons

30) The other company is Lao Air Charter, managed by Messrs Henri Flamant, Roger Zoile and Manrizi. Secretary: Mr. Briguet, associates: Mr. Georges Marcies and the Society Heng Thong (Chinese). All of them, without exception are famous drug traffickers. Destination: Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore. Planes: five DC3. Flying personnel: one Frenchman, Mr. Ecoffets, pilot. The others are Chinese and Phillipins. Their planes fly over Laos and Cambodia, and are therefore specialized in raw and refined opium, ~~mxxx~~ morphine base, and for some time now, heroin. Business is prosperous; Mr. Henri Flamant handles all operations. He formerly was from Shangai where he used to reside. He ~~than~~ came to Saigon where he did excellent business. He suffered a big swinddle in Switzerland in 1954, he lost 300 millions of old francs due to the interference of some Corsican people. He sent some drug to Hong Kong via Mr. Michel Libert, and morphine base. At the time he came to live in Laos, in 1958, Mr. Henri Flamant was completely ruined, and had lots of debts. He has several shares with several commercial firms in Bangkok, a frozen food society (for shellfishes) called the Company Flash, which company is being disturbed by a Mr. Biard who effects lots of dispatches in several European countries and others (frozen shrimps in particular). In my opinion, shrimps and other shellfishes are hiding something of a better reward. I know that one day, the Maison Francaise Amieux refused to take care of a dispatch; I do not know yet the reason. Mr. Henri Flamant is mixed with all sorts of trafficks. He manages the American Society "Transpack-Lao" at Vientiane. Place du Jet d'Eau - Import/Export firm. Mr. Flamant speaks several languages which must be of a great interest in some transactions.

31) Another thing: Although he left Laos three years ago, Mr. Pierre Guicharra was taking care of transportation of drugs towards Saigon and Cambodia with a mono-motor plane, 5 seats, model Skywagon 185. He usually only worked with Chinese people although he had at the beginning an associate called Mr. Pierre Clement, whom he got rid off very quickly. Later, he called on Mr. Senechal. Mr. Pierre Guicharra is currently in Noumea. Mr. Senechal, an detached expert of the MAET at the Lao Radio Broadcast sometimes works as a speaker for the French language.

He is now the list of people who worked - and are still working - for the drug traffic:

Among the French people:

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32 Morphine base is made in Laos, Birmanya, Thailand, and this has been going on for the past 10 years at least. To my knowledge, it is Chinese people who experienced the job first. The important market of Hong Kong being opened for them, and as they are most attracted by making money, they got seriously interested to realize something in that field. Then, from 1957, heroin of bad quality appeared, and then it became of a better quality to reach what heroin is apparently to day, that is to say: perfect. Lots of qualified chemists put their knowledge and interest in the making of heroin in Birmanya, Laos and Thailand, large quantities are produced because equipped laboratories are operating on the spot of production, security is practically total as well as in its making as in its development. For instance, in North of Thailand there are armed troupes who are there to maintain peace and security for the cultivation, crops and making of narcotics. In Laos, same procedure is adopted: only the army manages, controls and protects these activities.

33 In Birmanya, at the Laos/Thailand frontier, there are several modern laboratories currently operating, in particular at Ban Quan, with the team of General Huan; At Luang Pralang, team of General Huan as well. There also is a workshop at Xiong Lon, another at Sajabarry; all are located in military buildings. The one of Luang Pralang is 6 kms far from the city, in the countryside, located near by a wood saw-yard which is military kept.

34 There are lots more in Vientiane. Mr. Heng has one at home, in his building, located Manthathirath Street, facing the headquarters of the Civil Aviation in Laos. Few months ago, Mr. Georges Campello had installed one just above his Bar "Le Novelty", Pang Kham Street. Was not he in business contacts with Mrs. Impery Suryadai, the wife of the Minister of Justice, and with Mr. and Mrs Belotas, owner of a Jewlery shop and of an antiquities shop selling various and Chinese curios. The team of G. Campello, Mr. Theodas, Mr. Belotan, General Kouprasith Abbhay, Commander of Place de Vientiane, did succeed in introducing in France a large quantity of drug through the luggage of the Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma, close friend of Theodas. As a matter of fact, Mr. Theodas had been - as on pure chance - designated by his friend to take care of his arrival in France. The scandal blew up. In my opinion the merchandise was due to go to Algeria where Theodas' brother was waiting for, so the former consul of France in Laos, Rene Cader. Later on Theodas' brother was involved in another ~~sxxx~~ story with some other cooperative individuals. Their merchandise was coming from Mr. Heng. The business man of General Huan Battikhoy, Mrs. Theodas, enjoys

excellent relations with Mr. Heng, alias "Le Canard". It is the first corporation of drug traffickers of the Lao Kingdom. Mr. Heng has also a brother called Hoc who has been naturalized Lao (for the advantages) and after he finished his studies in France, at Montpellier and in Paris, has been appointed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also helps his brother Heng in several transactions, acts as an interpreter because Mr. Heng is not enjoying a strong culture. He also acts as public relation for Mr. Heng, and through diplomatic means lots of things can circulate. The present Ambassador of Laos in France, His Excellency Tiao Sopsaisana also deserves to be put on the black list. He is a close friend of Mr. Roger Zoile, of the Lao Air Charter Society. This means a lot.

35 In 1968 the C.I.D. in Bangkok inquired about the Theodas family at the French Embassy at Vientiane, and also asked the Consul R. Cader. The C.I.D. received as an answer: Mr. Theodas is out of all suspicions; he is a close friend and a personal friend of Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma; he must not be worried, etc. It is his personal friends, Mr. Rolin, then First Secretary of the French Embassy, and Mr. Rene Cader, Consul, who answered to the questions of the CID. Indeed, at that time, in 1968, he could not be worried. In 1956 he used to work with Americans at USOM, and our allied friends did thank him after they discovered a drug affair. The material was coming from their building, took their official planes, and was forwarded to Hong Kong and also Saigon, depending on the schedules and available space.

36 In 1968, beginning 1969: A French medical service sent from France a certain quantity of medicines to Laos via semi-diplomatic means to the M.A.E.T. (health service) in order to be distributed all over the Kingdom. The various cases did arrive in Vientiane, to the proper service. And these packages, sorted out beforehand, have been declared - as on a pure chance - completely out of use, too old. On a mutual agreement, the responsible people sent back the packages to the sender in France after they filled some of the packages with drug. To conclude that transaction, lots of encouraging officials had to be involved: M.A.E.T., Embassy, Consulate, Mr. R. Cader. Supplies had been furnished by Michel Theodas et Mr. Heng. This enabled them to achieve a terrific transaction in French Francs.

37 Another team also specialized in narcotics is that of Ashu Luangprasenth, General Khammou Bassarath, General Director of the Information Service of Prince Souvanna Phouma. Moreover, Mr. Ashu is also working as an ~~agent~~ information agent for that General, he takes care of his affairs in the field opium-morphine-heroin for all destinations: Saigon, Phnom Penh, Hong Kong, Bangkok. At the moment he is looking for some transportation facilities for the United States, as apparently he has there an interested contact. Mr. Ashu is, and has always been, a great specialist in drug matters in Indo-China. He come from Xieng Khouang, so as the General ~~Khammou~~ Khammou Bassarath. They own a refinement workshop at Khen Tao for opium, morphine, heroin (Chinese chemist).

Among the lots of ~~specialized drug~~ drug specialists, I will mention in particular for morphine base and heroin Mr. Pedro, who really is



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Mr. Wo, 272 Route de Wattay, Hotel International. Customers: U.S., Chinese, Philippines, Thai, Air America Society, Air Continental company, stationed at Vientiane. Mr. Wo is Chinese, coming from Shanghai, lived in Indo-China, Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Macao. He always enjoyed friends because of its activities. His last activities took place in Bangkok with Michel Libert et Louis Levet. Mr. Wo was involved and had actually been arrested. As a friend he had another Chinese, very well educated, coming from Shanghai, who could speak several languages: Chinese, English, French, Thai, and of French nationality. Currently travelling he arranged for the arrival of an engineer-chemist coming from Macao for Mr. Wo. On his side, Mr. Wo is constantly related with Mr. Michel Libert and Francois Mittard. They probably are in business together. They all wish to work either for Europe or for the U.S.A. Mr. Wo has a son who make his medical studies in the States. He wears glasses. I do not know his name. Mr. Andre Ho and Mr. Wo also work for counterfeiting: U.S. dollars, Thai baths, Piastres. Both belong to the ~~Communist network~~ Chinese Communist network. False money which is printed in Macao and Hong Kong is produced to disturb the economy in South East Asia. Five years ago, Mr. Andre Ho asked Mr. Camille Perez and Mr. Ralph Smith to obtain for him some first quality paper for his printing work. In the past, Mr. Ho had a transformation laboratory in Bangkok. His wife still keeps a clandestine abortion clinic, located not far from the main Post Office GP.O B.K.K. Mr. Ho also works on Saigon, he is well educated and extremely nice, heavy build, he enjoys many relations in all fields.

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Another Chinese who deals with drugs is Mr. Yan, Manager of Ets Pansais, Chinese Antiquities Shop. He owns a laboratory in Vientiane. He exports, and looks for an enlargement of his activities in several continents. He is very educated and discreet, he belongs to the Chinese Communist network in Indo-China. He acts on all possible itineraries. He speaks fluent French

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The very powerful Society 555, managed by Mr. Lem, a Chinese, is also specialized in the making of various drugs. Protected by Mr. Phani Souvanikone, President of the National Assembly, and the very powerful General Kouprasith Allhay, this Society worked on large quantities for Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, probably Europe and the U.S.A. They are working closely with Americans, and are also members of the Chinese Communist network. They have very large financial means at their disposal. They practically are untouchable in Laos. Mr. Lem, the Dr. of that firm gave Mr. Phani Souvanikone on the occasion of the New Year, a "jar of wine" of 50 millions of kips, cash, (\$200.000.00) in order to make a party.

The Society 555 enjoy all complicities: military, administrative and political. Two years ago, a group of mobile Customs Officers seized an empty barrel on the road going to Thadana. That empty gas barrel was going to Thailand with 142 kilograms of heroin in packages. General Koupasith Allhay was informed, he sent a Colonel in order to arrange the situation. However, things were hot !

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Few months ago, I have also been contacted by an agent of L.I.O.S., Mr. Daniel Buck, to be of Swiss origin as he said. Mr. Daniel Buck was looking for someone to put him in contact with a group for the making of heroin. At that time, he used to have two friends ~~and~~ and collaborators living in Switzerland. Mr. Daniel Buck, chemist engineer, also told me to have some sort of transportation facilities for the United States, at the rate of 15 kilograms per week on the Pan American Company, an important air company, at the departure of Bangkok. Mr. Daniel Buck was looking for a serious buyer in the States.

Shortly before my departing Laos on April 2, 1971, Mr. Buck told me that he was going to Switzerland in the near future. Among those who presently send merchandise for France, I will mention Simon Jean Felix. He goes to France several times a year. His wife, an half bred Chinese, and his children live in Nice or in the vicinity. Mr. Simon is very rich. He often sees the son of Souvanna Phouma, Prime Minister Tiao Panya, and also the Theodas family. He has always been in drug business. The means of transportation he uses can be very many, diplomatic luggage, cultural mission, on the occasion of yearly vacation departures for France, and also by using members of the French Military Mission in Laos. Each member of the FMM, on the occasion of their repatriation has the right to take 350 kilograms of luggage. Therefore facilities are large at that moment. In most cases, it is Mr. Henri Flamant ~~and~~ who handles the forwarding of shipments to France via Marseille. Mr. Flamant works also on heroin, and most probably for several destinations.

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Another French man who worked in narcotic traffics is Mr. Jean Triban, currently imprisoned in Bangkok for killing someone by accident. Mr. Triban used to have two light airplanes, a Broussard and another small mono-motor. His team was composed of Messrs. Legallo, Le Come Clement, Cleret, Vincenti Jean Pierre. They have been arrested in 1960, in Cambodia. When he became free Mr. Jean Triban started again with the cooperation of Legallo. The main itinerary for that team was Saigon, then Phnom Penh, by dropping.

Names of people who brought directly narcotics in Hong Kong:

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Mr. Michel Libert, Mr. Vergnoles, Mr. Jacques Taxier, Mr. Simon Jean Felix, Mr. Maurice Le Corre, Mr. Camille Perez, Mr. Ralph Small (German origin), Mr. Jean Dufes, Mr. Jean Delmotte, Mr. H. Flamant, Mr. Georges Mercies, Mr. Roger Vaillant, Mr. Raymond Robert (docteur Dr. Pierre Cheminel, Mr. Louis Levet, Mr. Jean Giansili, Mr. Beneglieri, Mr. Bourcier, Mrs. Roger Lasen.

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Presently, many drug specialists look ~~for~~ for a good realization on the European continent, and in USA. The traffic lovers are always looking for some good transportation means. It would be rather easy, I think, to trap them, to discover their destination, either in France, in the States, and in all various Asian cities.

I remain at the disposal of the Repression Services in order to help in the fight against drugs.

For a long time I have had in mind to cooperate with the anti-drugs services, but as I never had worthy contacts with chiefs of services, I could never offer my help. It is only ~~xxxxxx~~ after I visited Reverent Father Matt Menger, Director of the Catholic Help, (American), who introduced me to Mr. Guzovsky, Press Attache at the American Embassy at Vientiane, that I could follow a route. Messrs Matt Menger and Guzovsky directed me to the Narcotic Bureau. But as I was just about going back to France, I waited for my arrival here in order to contact the above Service.

St. Laurent du Var,  
May 15, 1971.

PS: My wife and my four childrend still live in Saigon. A job as information agent in drug repression would suit me fine.